On behalf of the ‘Organised Crime: West African Response to Trafficking (OCWAR-T)’ project, the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and the Global Initiative on Transnational Organised Crime (GI-TOC) invites you to the second call for application to join the West African Research Network on Organised Crime (WARNOC). The aim of the project is to strengthen structures and capacities at national and regional levels to respond more effectively to transnational organised crime in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) region.

WARNOC will provide a platform for members to:

1. Collaborate with ISS/GI-TOC on research and publications on TOC in West Africa.
2. Partake in sponsored capacity building programmes on research, analysis and shaping policy.
4. Build strategic and sustainable relationships with ECOWAS and partner organisations within the network.

The criteria for membership is below. Members should:

1. Focus on TOC research or the nexus between TOC and violent extremism relating to TOC in the ECOWAS region.
2. Have a track record of at least 18 months of working on TOC issues in the ECOWAS region.
3. Have a dedicated team of researchers available and mandated to participate in regular, scheduled activities.
4. Engage regularly with civil society organisations across the ECOWAS region.

Please apply by sending us:

1. A 300 – 500 word motivation outlining 1) the suitability of your organisation to participate and 2) how your organisation’s research output will benefit from such a network.
2. Your organisation’s focal point for the network.
3. One-page bios of the researchers to participate (maximum of three, including the focal point).
4. The last two years of financial records and/or annual reports, where available.
5. Office registration document.
6. Links to three publications by the organisation relevant to TOC.

In addition:

- Applications from organisations led by women, focused on women’s issues, and including high involvement of women, are encouraged.
- Applications from organisations led by youth (under 35), focused on youth issues, including high involvement of youth, are encouraged.
- Civil society and research organisations in Mali, Cape Verde, The Gambia and Mauritania are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications with supporting documentation should be sent to warnoc-enact@issafrica.org by Friday 02 July 2022, 17:00 WAT.